management, arid and semiarid crop production, plant and animal sciences, veterinary science, farm mechanisation and technology, agro forestry etc.

Cooperation under the Agreement is to be carried out through biennial Work Plans. A draft Work Plan for the period 1994-95 containing specific proposals for cooperation is presently under consideration of the Israeli side.

Production of Pulses

2469. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government have formulated a policy for increasing production of pulses in less-irrigated areas;

(b) whether any places have been selected in Andhra Pradesh to be the focus of programmes for cultivation of pulses;

(c) if so, the details of such programmes in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the amount of funds earmarked for such a programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Guntur, Krishna, Karimnagar, Khamam, Mehboobnagar, Nalgonda, Rangareddy and Warangal districts of Andhra Pradesh State have been selected under the Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project (NPDP).

Under this project the basic key inputs like production and distribution of seeds, sprinkler sets, improved farm implements, Dal Processors, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients and Training are provided to the farmers on subsidised rates. In order to disseminate the latest production technologies on farmers' field frontline and Block Demonstrations are being organised. The cost of the project is shared by the Govt. of India and the States on 75:25 basis.

(d) The total allocation for Andhra Pradesh for the year 1994-95 is Rs. 186.67 lakhs with Government of India's share of Rs. 140.00 lakhs.

Oil Seeds Cultivation in Orissa

2470. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the areas which are suitable for oil seeds cultivation in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any scheme has been drawn up to increase oil seeds cultivation in those areas;

(d) if so, the target set for Eighth Plan; and

(e) the details of such scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The suitable districts which have been identified for oilseeds cultivation in Orissa State are Bolangir, Balasore, Cuttack, Dhenkenal, Ganjam, Kalahandi, Keuonjhar, Mayurbhanj, Koraput, Phulwani, Puri, Sambalpur and Sundergarh.

(c) and (e) To increase the production of oilseeds, a Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) in operation in these districts. The assistance under OPP is provided for production and distribution of seeds, seeds minikits, infrastructure development of seeds farms distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture, gypsum pyrite micro-nutrients, organising general & frontline demonstrations and training of farmers.

(d) The Eighth Plan target for oilseeds production has been fixed at 12.30 lakhs tonnes by the Government of Orissa.

Promotion of Beekeeping

2471. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced a centrally sponsored scheme to promote beekeeping;

(b) if so, the states where such a scheme is being introduced;

(c) whether this scheme has been launched in Orissa;